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TAGS: SOPN, PO, U.S.  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - SOARES U.S. VISIT

1. WEEKEND MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO PRIME MINISTER  
SOARES' DEPARTURE FOR AMSTERDAM AND U.S., EMPHASIZING LAJES  
BASE AND CONSORTIUM LOAN AS PRIME TOPICS ON HIS WASHINGTON  
AGENDA. SAMPLE HEADLINES: APRIL 15 PRO-SOCIALIST "A LUTA"  
-- LAJES BASE AND FINANCIAL AID ARE PRINCIPAL TOPICS  
OF PRIME MINISTER IN U.S."; APRIL 16 CENTER "JORNAL NOVO"  
-- "CONSORTIUM IS 'FUNDAMENTAL' THEME"; PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR  
IN WASHINGTON TO 'JORNAL NOVO': 'IDEA OF CONSORTIUM REMAINS  
VALID'; LAJES NEGOTIATIONS WILL ENTER 'MORE ACTIVE' PHASE."

2 COMMENTARIES: AMONG FEW COMMENTARIES SO FAR, COMMUNIST  
"O DIARIO" APRIL 18 HAD SCATHING ATTACK ON VISIT: "AMERICAN  
IMPERIALISM HAS TREATED PORTUGAL FOR A LONG TIME AS THOUGH  
IT WERE A BANANA REPUBLIC. THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT  
WILL CONFIRM THIS REALITY...THE PORTUGUESE CHIEF  
IN WASHINGTON WILL BE SUBMITTED TO GREAT PRESSURES TO  
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REINFORCE AND ACCELERATE THE POLICY OF CAPITALIST  
RECUPERATION NOW UNDER WAY... HE WILL BE ASKED TO GO FARTHER,  
TO STIMULATE THE FASCIST TRENDS IN THE LABOR MINISTRY,  
TO MOBILIZE MILITARY FORCES TO SUSTAIN THE POLICY OF  
'NEW BASES' IN AGRARIAN REFORM, TO BE PREPARED FOR A  
NEW KIND OF DIALOGUE WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND  
THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL...."

LEAD HEADLINE ON FRONT PAGE OF FIRST ISSUE OF NEW  
COMMUNIST WEEKLY "EXTRA" DATED APRIL 16 WAS "THE LAJES  
(BASE) FOR THE AMERICANS?" INSIDE PAGE ARTICLE SPECULATING  
ON SOARES DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON RE LAJES BASE  
NEGOTIATIONS SAID RENEWAL OF THE BASE AGREEMENT WOULD  
BE CONTRARY TO "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE" OF PORTUGAL  
AND TO THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTION AND U.N. PRINCIPLES  
OF NONINTERVENTION. PAPER SAID THAT "FOREIGN  
MILITARY BASES (ON ANOTHER COUNTRY'S SOIL) ARE  
INCOMPATIBLE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW."  
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